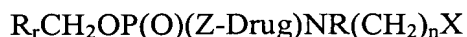


AMENDMENTSIN THE CLAIMS:

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c), please amend claims 17-20 as follows:

1-10. (canceled)

11. (previously presented) A phosphoramidate compound formed from an hydroxy functional or amino functional drug having the formula Drug-ZH, said compound having the formula:



wherein:

R is C₁-C₄ alkyl or -(CH₂)_nX;

n is 4 or 5;

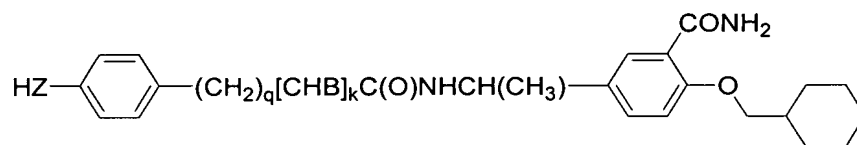
Z is O or N;

X is an electrophilic group capable of being nucleophilically displaced from its bonded carbon atom; and

the group R_rCH₂- is a biologically labile ester forming group.

12. (previously amended) The compound of claim 11 wherein the drug is an amino acid, a biologically active peptide, or a peptidomimetic.

13. (previously amended) The compound of claim 12 wherein Drug-ZH is a peptidomimetic having the formula:



wherein Z is O or N;

q and k are independently 1 or 0; and

B is H, amino, protected amino, or C₁-C₄ alkanoylamino.

14. (previously amended) The compound of claim 11 wherein the drug is a biologically active nucleotide analog.

15-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition comprising a phosphoramidate compound formed from an hydroxy functional or amino functional drug compound having the formula Drug-ZH, said compound having the formula:



wherein

R is C₁-C₄ alkyl or -(CH₂)_nX;

n is 4 or 5;

Z is O or N;

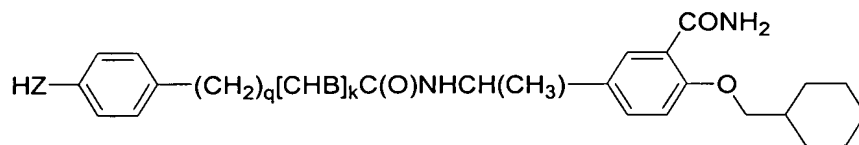
X is an electrophilic group capable of being nucleophilically displaced from its bonded carbon atom; and

the group R_rCH_2- is a biologically labile ester forming group; and

a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier therefor.

18. (currently amended) The ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition of claim 17 wherein Drug-ZH is an amino acid, a biologically active peptide, or a peptidomimetic.

19. (currently amended) The ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition of claim 18 wherein Drug-ZH is a peptidomimetic having the formula:



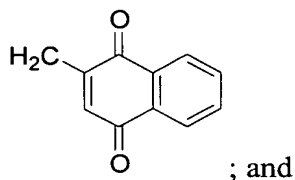
wherein Z is O or N;

q and k are independently 1 or 0; and

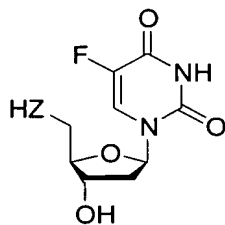
B is H, amino, protected amino, or C_1-C_4 alkanoylamino.

20. (currently amended) The ~~pharmaceutical~~ composition of claim 17 wherein Drug-ZH is a nucleotide analog.

21. (previously presented) The compound of claim 11 wherein R is methyl; n is 4; X is chloro; the group R_rCH_2- is a radical having the formula:



Drug-ZH is a nucleotide analog having the formula:



wherein Z is oxygen.